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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member, United States Intelligence Board
THROUGH : Deputy Director for Administration
FROM : CIA Member, Security Committee, USIB
SUBJECT : Community-wide Computer Assisted
Compartmentation Control System (4C)

1. Action Requested: This memorandum briefly outlines the development of the Community-wide Computer Assisted Compartmentation Control System (4C) proposal, scheduled for discussion at the 25 September USIB meeting. It recommends that you take one of two positions during this discussion.

2. Basic Data:

a. The concept and general design of the proposed 4C system was developed by an ad hoc working group of the Security Committee, after an earlier proposal for a Community Limited Access Intelligence Register (CLAIRE) was returned to the Security Committee by the USIB for further review and recommendations. The 4C system proposal was developed by the working group in lieu of the proposed CLAIRE system, because the latter failed to satisfy certain Department of Defense requirements.

b. The proposed system would establish a centralized data base of bigot listed and compartmented access approvals, e.g., SI, TKH. This data base would be maintained on a small dedicated computer at CIA Headquarters, but would be remotely accessible through computer terminals located at single focal points within participating Community agencies in the Washington area. Later, the concept could be expanded to permit direct access from other locations in the United States. Terminal access would permit not only the verification of an individual's access approvals, but also maintenance of the data base.

c. In submitting the 4C proposal to the USIB, the Chairman, Security Committee, indicated that the Committee was making four recommendations to the USIB, including that

the USIB endorse the concept, authorize its implementation, designate the Office of Joint Computer Support, CIA, as executive agent, determine that CIA fund the central facility and other agencies fund the cost of their own computer terminals. The statement of these recommendations does not accurately reflect the conclusions of the Security Committee, but rather the recommendations of the Chairman. The Committee itself only endorsed the concept of the proposal and commended it to USIB consideration in satisfaction of the Director of Central Intelligence's expressed desire for a centralized and automated capability for controlling compartmented approvals.

3. Staff Position:

a. As the proposal was developed in the working group and discussed by the Security Committee, its provisions were staffed within the Agency. In this Agency coordination process, all four directorates endorsed the concept of the proposal, although perhaps this endorsement failed to reflect any great enthusiasm for the idea. Further, it is questionable whether consideration of the concept included in depth analysis of the cost factors involved.

b. In fact, in developing the proposal, the working group cautiously avoided addressing the funding problem associated with the concept, since this group interpreted their tasking as not including the question of where the funds for such a project would originate.

c. The recommendation that CIA fund purchase and maintenance of the central facility, if approved, would severely impact on other programs. The extent of this impact is difficult to identify without further study. Other considerations suggesting deferment of a decision to implement the system included Privacy Act considerations and the current work load of the Office of Joint Computer Support.

d. In view of the need for further action in analyzing the funding problem and further consideration of the impact on the Office of Joint Computer Support, it is believed that development of the 4C system should be delayed to permit a more detailed examination of the proposal.

4. Recommendation: In the discussion of the 4C system proposal at the Board on 25 September, it is recommended that you propose deferring action on this agenda item for

30 to 60 days to permit the Agency's Management Committee to examine and discuss the proposal in more detail before an Agency position is finalized. If this proposal is not acceptable to the Board, it is recommended that you propose that:

a. The USIB endorse the concept of the proposal, but delay authorization of its implementation;

b. Support the designation of CIA (not the Office of Joint Computer Support) as executive agency for the system, if it is implemented; and

c. Remand to the Security Committee for further study and recommendation the question of funding and cost effectiveness.

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